

TRW Microdynamics Lab Development and Testing Plans

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Part I: SIM Contract Microdynamics Budget

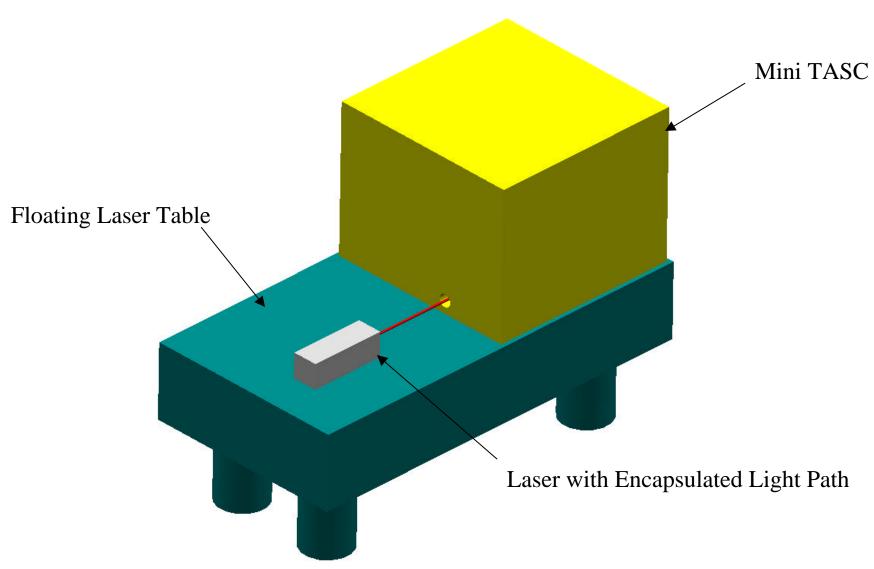
- Join µD team to bring contractors and scientists together
- Work closely with CU and JPL for technology transfer (*learn* to test µD)
- Test SIM-candidate latch at CU for microdynamics

Part II: TRW IR&D

- Set-up a dedicated microdynamics facility for component testing
- Use 'traditional' TRW mechanisms as initial test articles to gain a basic understanding of submicron mechanism behavior
- From knowledge and experience gained in characterizing these mechanisms, attempt to improve their stability by incorporating some lessons learned from µD community
- Test new designs under identical conditions for apples to apples comparisons
- Ultimately, apply microdynamic knowledge and testing experience to support flight systems

Sketch of TRW Microdynamics Testing Chamber



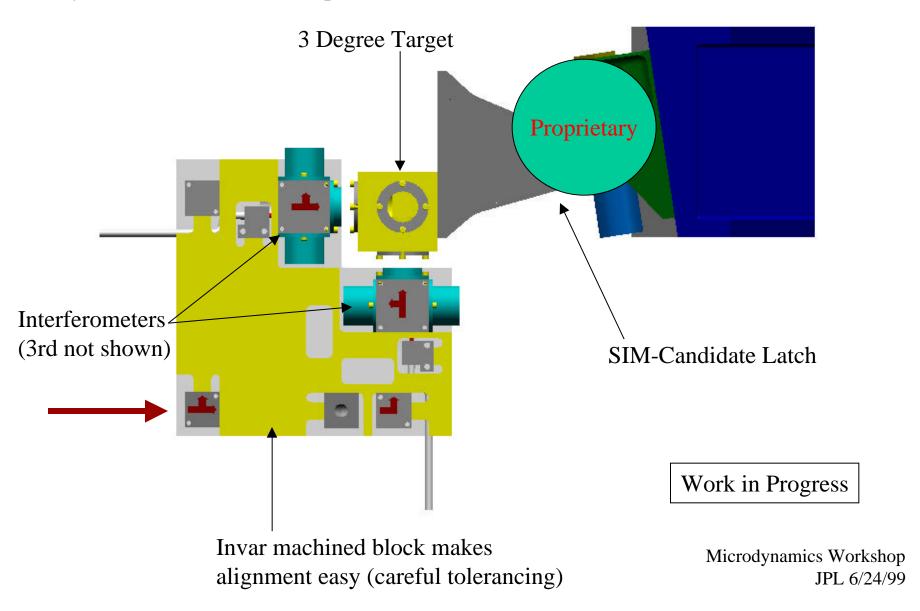


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Interferometry Setup

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• Hysteresis and Thermal Snap Measurement



SIM-Candidate Latch Simulator Design



Latch Measured Stiffness

Ky = 3.40 E4 lb/in

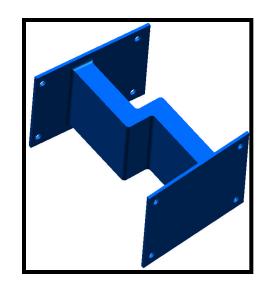
Kx = 1.55 E5 lb/in

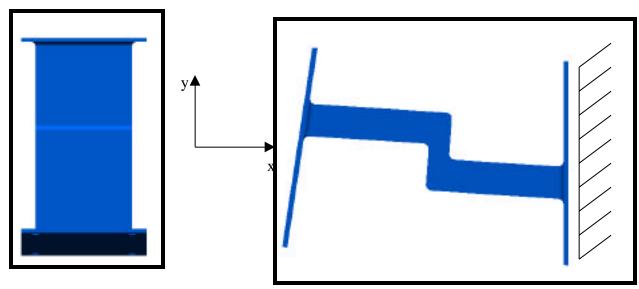
Simulator Predicted Stiffness

Ky = 3.35 E4 lb/in

Kx = 1.06 E5 lb/in

Matched stiffnesses in measurement directions and identical materials and interfaces help characterize the test set-up.





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TRW Microdynamics Initial Instrumentation



- 5 Channel ZYGO interferometry with wavelength compensation
- Several temperature sensors (type TBD)
- Voice-coil actuators
- Load cells
- PC Labview interface